



MICHIGAN  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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**MINUTES OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON  
MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS  
AND  
OVERSIGHT AND ETHICS**

Thursday, March 10, 2016                      10:30 p.m.                      Room 519, House Office Building

The House Committee on Ethics and Oversight was called to order by the Chairman, Representative Ed McBroom.

Members present: Representatives McBroom, Howrylak, Graves, Theis, Robinson, and Pagan.  
Members absent: None.

The House Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs was called to order by the Chairman, Representative Tom Barrett.

Members present: Representatives Barrett, Hughes, Glardon, Hooker, Outman, Glenn, Rutledge, Talabi, and Kosowski.  
Members absent: None.

Representative Kosowski moved to adopt the minutes from the Thursday, March 3, meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chairman McBroom laid the performance audit on the Grand Rapids home for Veterans before the committee.

The following people testified to the performance audit on the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans:

Sarah Slocum, Kay Shoslle, and Jerry Stevens, representing the State Long Term Care Ombudsman.

Representative Winnie Brinks.

Representative Tom Hooker.

Representative Scott Dianda.

Catherine Buckley.

Catherine Kooyers.

The committees went at east at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 1:22 p.m.

The following people testified to the performance audit on the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans:

Tim Sheeran.

Mark Williams and Tammy Porter, representing American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

The following people submitted a testimony card wishing to speak and answer questions:

James Robert Redford, Interim Director of the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency.

Greg McNeil.

Mark Sutton, representing the American Legion.

Michael Farage, representing the Grand Rapids Taxpayers Association.

Ed Helwig, MSG Ret.

Theresa A. Robinson, representing the United Veterans Council.

Jerry Luckstead, representing Veterans for Justice.

There being no further business and seeing no objection, Chairman McBroom adjourned the House committee on Oversight and Ethics, the time being 3:43 p.m.

There being no further business and seeing no objection, Chairman Barrett adjourned the House committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, the time being 3:43 p.m.

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Representative Tom Barrett, Chair

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Date Approved and Signed

Kevin Gawronski  
Committee Clerk  
March 10, 2016  
2 hours 53 minutes